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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment fee is respectively requested.

In the claims:

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1. (Amended) [Tube] A tube motor [(1)...] with an electric motor drive [(3)] with a drive shaft [(8)] located in a gear box [(2)], with a reducing gear [(29)] with a driven shaft [(30)] coupled with the drive shaft [(8)] via a gear input shaft and, for rotary securing of the driven shaft [(30)] especially when the drive [(3)] is disengaged, with a wrap-spring brake [(27)] working against the gear box [(33)], while the drive shaft [(30)] and the gear input shaft work together with the wrap-spring brake [(29)], characterized in that, mounted free of torsion on the gear box [(33)] and positioned between the wrap spring [(32)] and the gear box [(33)] is an annular element [(34)], which diverts into the gear box [(3)] a moment of torsion introduced by the drive shaft [(30)].

2. (Amended) [Tube] A Tube motor [(1)] according to Claim 1, characterized in that inner side of the gear box has an inner toothing [(59)] and [the] a jacket surface of the annular element [(34)] facing toward the inner side of the gear box has a corresponding inner toothing [(59)].

3. (Twice Amended) [Tube] The tube motor [(1)] according to Claim 1, characterized in that the annular element [(34)] can be locked into the gear box [(33)].

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